PROPOSALS

For Printing by Subſcription

THE

TRYAL

OF

Chriſtian Krumbholtz, D.D.

For Preaching ſeveral

Seditious Sermons,

And Stirring up the People to

REBELLION

Againſt the

Magiſtrates and Government

OF

HAMBURGH.

Originally Printed and Publiſh'd by Order of the High IMPERIAL COMMISSIONERS.

And now faithfully Tranſlated into *Engliſh.*

To which will be added,

The EFFIGIES of Dr. KRUMBHOLTZ.

Done from the ORIGINAL.

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(Prospect)

THE extream Confusion and Distress that the Seditious Sermons of Dr. *Christian Krumbholtz* brought on the City of *Hamburgh*, the Effects of which still remain, and the uncontrollable Power he usurp'd over the Populace, by these Means, having made so great a Noise in the World, has caus'd an earnest Enquiry of the Curious in all *Europe*, to know the Particulars of a Tryal, to which nothing less cou'd have brought the Criminal, than the Interposition of the Electors of *Saxony* and *Hanover*, the Kings of *Sweden* and *Prussia*, and of the Emperor himself: Of so great Importance did those Princes think the Deliverance of *Hamburgh* from such a dangerous Pestilence.

On this Account the Undertaker of this Translation long since promis'd to gratifie the importunate Desires of great Numbers of Gentlemen of this Nation, to get a just and faithful Version of it into the *English* Tongue. He therefore thinks himself oblig'd to give them the following Reasons of so tedious a Delay of this Work.

First, He must inform them, that the little Acquaintance our Men of Letters have with the *High Dutch*, made the Difficulty almost unsurmountable to get it well translated.

Next, This Difficulty was yet encreas'd by the Necessity of finding a Person not only skill'd in that Language, but in the Forms and Manner of the Proceedings of that foreign Court, in regard both of the Civil and Ecclesiastical, and the Particular and Municipal Laws and Customs of that Commonwealth, on which a perfect Translation entirely depended; since they are so different from the Practice and Forms of our own Courts of Judicature, that they requir'd Illustration.

Thirdly, The Tryal it self, tho' of a large Extent, being of such a Nature, that to attempt an Abridgment wou'd render the whole extreamly defective, it necessarily requir'd a great deal of Time to make a Version, with that Exactness and Fidelity to the Original, which the present Translator has observ'd.

As the Undertaker hopes these Reasons will be a sufficient Excuse for so unavoidable a Delay, so he cannot but promise himself such Encouragement from the Learned, and the Curious, as his great Trouble and Expence for their Gratification necessarily requires, and which can only be done by way of Subscription.

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FOR a SPECIMEN, Part of the CHARGE or IMPEACHMENT, and the whole SENTENCE of CONDEMNATION are here subjoin'd.

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THE
Charge, or Impeachment.

The Court being ſate on the 29th of *October*, 1708. N. S. *John Frederick Kruger* read the Impeachment in the Name of *Job Dicterick Munchkings*, the Advocate-General in Criminal Cauſes, in Form as follows:

THE Advocate-General in Criminal Cauſes ſaving to himſelf the Right of any future Exhibition, appears againſt Dr. *Chriſtian Krumbholtz* the Priſoner at the Bar, delivering and exhibiting hereby the firſt and ſecond Examination of the Criminal, mark'd A. and B. together with his Writings publiſh'd in Print, mark'd C. and D. And is oblig'd in Duty to ſet forth before this honourable Court his Behaviour, and the Crimes he has committed againſt God and his own Conſcience.

The Criminal having given the firſt Proofs of his turbulent Temper and Inclination to excite Inſurrections, Rebellions, and Tumults at *Presburg*, the Capital City of the County of *Presburg* in *Upper-Hungary*, according to the moſt gracious Imperial (*) Reſcript, hath for ſeveral Years paſt neglected his Oath and Duty, his Miniſterial Function committed to him by Virtue of the Laws, and the Obedience he ſwore to pay to our moſt Reverend Clergy; and foregoing his Loyalty to the Magiſtrates plac'd over him by God, hath preſumptuouſly intermedled with State Affairs, contrary to his Profeſſion, in order to ſubvert the Government and Conſtitutions of this our laudable City. He hath preſum'd upon his own Authority to give Judgment in Publick and Civil Affairs as a ſupreme Diſpenſer of Law and Government; and for

(*) A Reſcript is a Writing, wherein a Prince delivers his Opinion and Reſolution to the inferior Magiſtrate upon Requeſt for that Purpoſe.

for the making illegal Encroachments upon our Constitution, has privately held Correspondence with all sorts of tumultuous People, with whom he has kept suspicious and prohibited Cabals in his own House: Has made use of his Ministerial Function and Pulpit not for propagating the holy Word of God, and promoting the Obedience and Respect due to our wise Governors, as well as to the reverend Clergy, from every Subject and Auditor; but for the Disturbance of this City, the Defamation of the Magistrate, the throwing Contempt on the Clergy, the disgracing our Corporations, and many honest and loyal Citizens, and for the raising Tumults, to the irreparable Damage of our dear City: In which wicked Machinations he would doubtlesly have proceeded further, if by Direction of the Divine Providence the high Imperial Commissioners had not in due Time put a Stop to his rebellious Proceedings, and rescued our dear *Hamburgh* from its intended Ruine.

Whereas therefore (1.) this Prisoner and Criminal here present hath promis'd solemnly and upon his Oath in the Presence of God Almighty, that he would discharge his Function according to our Church Ordinances and *Forumla committendi*, and at all Times pay Obedience and Respect to the reverend Ministry; how little now he has observ'd his Oath appears by his obstinate and contumacious Deportment, as well as his own Confession made in Sect. 3. of his Examination, where he could
Art. 171. not but own, That he had neither repair'd to the Mi-
174, 176. nisterial Convocation, which according to the above-cited Laws he ought to have done, nor had been present at the Examinations of the Candidates for Benefices, or at the Visitations of the publick Schools, as his Duty requir'd, and to which he was oblig'd for the Salvation of his Soul. And notwithstanding our Senior or Bishop, for himself as well as our most reverend Consistory, by Deputies have often reminded him of his Duty by their brotherly and moving Exhortations,
Art. 112. which he himself likewise Confesses, yet all this has not prevail'd upon him; so that he has not only persever'd in his Obstinacy and Disobedience, but has also thrown false and groundless Imputations upon our reverend Clergy, in order to make them despicable and odious to the Citizens, to extoll and magnifie his wretched Adherents, and render
Art. 177, his own Power the more formidable; insinuating,
178. That whilst our Ministers recommended to their Hearers Peace, Unity, and Obedience to their Superiours, they advanc'd Matters against the Constitutions and Welfare of our City; whereas the Criminal himself had crouded whole Sermons with Matters concerning this City, (which we intend to lay before you hereafter) to its irreparable Loss and Prejudice; nay, he impudently proceeded to excuse his Disobedience and Irreverence with this scornful Interpreta-
Art. 181. tion, That at the same Time that he stipulated Obedience and Respect to the most reverend Consistory, they had done the like to him; tho' any Man of Understanding knows, that a single Member of a Society, especially one who separates

THE

Sentence of Condemnation.

ON the Criminal Accusation made against *Christian Krumbholtz*, by our Advocate General, the Magistrates of this City decree, That tho' the Criminal at the Bar has been guilty of many hainous Offences in his Ministerial Function, for several Years last past, and especially, that he has offended against, and impiously despis'd that great and solemn Oath, which he has taken before the Holy Altar, by intermedling with State-Affairs, inveigling and imbittering the Minds of the Citizens and Inhabitants of *Hamburgh* against one another; but principally against the Magistrates of this City, by those Seditious Sermons Preach'd by him from time to time, to kindle and maintain Animosities; that tho' he has further, with all his Might endeavour'd to subvert the Government of this City, contrary to our Constitution and Statutes; in order to Effect which, he has associated himself with the Ring-leaders of the tumultuous and rebellious People, some of whom have been seiz'd, and Imprison'd, and part have made their escape from Justice; to whom he communicated, that scandalous and treasonable Libel written by *Michael Christian Lieber*, stirring up the People to Murder and Rebellion; which Libel he has presum'd to publish, and disperse, whereas he ought to have deliver'd it to the Magistrates; by which his Malice, Hatred, and Inclination to Tumults and Rebellion are manifest; neither has he been sparing of bitter Invectives against the Magistrates by Almighty God ordain'd his Superiours; against the whole Body of the Reverend Ministry; against the Common-Council; and the rest of the principal Persons of this City: All which he has done publickly, dispersing both his Sermons and printed Books to this traiterous End and Purpose: And in the like and many other Ways, tho' he has shamefully abus'd and prophan'd the Pulpit, and perverted the holy Word of God to the Gratification of his Ambition and Revenge, instead of publishing it to the Edification of his Hearers. We say, that tho' the Criminal at the Bar has justly incurr'd the Punishment of Death according to our Laws and Constitution, yet out of Clemency, and to mitigate the Rigor of the Law, he is hereby sentenc'd *to be Degraded from his Office in the Ministry, which he has frequently abus'd and prophan'd, and from all other Dignities; and he is farther hereby condemn'd to Perpetual Imprisonment, and to pay all the Charges, Costs and Expences occasion'd by this Prosecution.*